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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

PATENT

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Applicants : Wylie Walker Vale, Jr. et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.